

MATH 120 - SECTION 6
Exam #2

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1. Expand and completely simplify the expression: $\ln\left(\frac{16y^4}{\sqrt{x^3z^5}}\right)$

$$\ln\left(\frac{16y^4}{\sqrt{x^3z^5}}\right) = \ln 16 + \ln y^4 - \frac{1}{2}(\ln x^3 + \ln z^5) = 4 \ln 2 + 4 \ln y - \frac{3}{2} \ln x - \frac{5}{2} \ln z$$

2. Richard Cory's accountants are trying to decide between two investment plans: the first would invest \$32,000 at 4% compounded monthly, the second would invest \$28,000 at 5% compounded continuously. Setup an equation for each of the two investment options and explain how you would determine which is better after 2 years.

The equation for the first investment plan would be

$$A = 32000 \left(1 + \frac{0.04}{12}\right)^{(12)(2)}$$

since it is discrete growth. For the second we use the formula for continuous growth,

$$A = 28000e^{0.05(2)}$$

In order to determine which option is the best investment choice we would use a calculator to compute the ratio of money after 2 years to the initial investment (after all, ending with 17,000 on an investment of 10,000 is a much better investment option than having 23,000 after you've invested 20,000).

3. Let $g(x) = \ln(6x + 12) - 1$, find $g^{-1}(x)$:

We switch x and y and solve

$$x = \ln(6y + 12) - 1$$

$$x + 1 = \ln(6y + 12)$$

$$e^{x+1} = 6y + 12$$

$$\frac{1}{6}e^{x+1} - 2 = y$$

$$g^{-1}(x) = \frac{1}{6}e^{x+1} - 2$$

4. Solve for x in the following equation: $2\left(x^{\frac{1}{2}} + 2\right)^3 = 100$

$$\begin{aligned}\left(x^{\frac{1}{2}} + 2\right)^3 &= 50 \\ x^{\frac{1}{2}} + 2 &= \sqrt[3]{50} \\ x &= (\sqrt[3]{50} - 2)^2\end{aligned}$$

5. The number of bacteria on a petri dish is doubling every 22 minutes. How long would an underpaid lab assistant have until there were 5 times the original number of bacteria?

This is a continuous growth problem, so $A = Pe^{kt}$ for an appropriate constant k . Assuming that t measures the time in minutes, $2P = Pe^{22k}$, so $k = \frac{\ln 2}{22}$. We still don't know how many bacteria there were at the start of the experiment - and we don't need to! Setting the output to be 5 times the original,

$$\begin{aligned}5P &= Pe^{\frac{\ln 2}{22}t} \\ \ln 5 &= \frac{\ln 2}{22}t \\ t &= \frac{22 \ln 5}{\ln 2}\end{aligned}$$

6. Solve the equation $e^{3x} = 7^{2-x}$ using logs.

$$\begin{aligned}\ln e^{3x} &= \ln 7^{2-x} \\ 3x &= (2-x) \ln 7 \\ 3x + x \ln 7 &= 2 \ln 7 \\ x &= \frac{2 \ln 7}{3 + \ln 7}\end{aligned}$$

7. Which of the following statements is / are true? For those that are true give a brief explanation of why they are true; for those that are false provide an example to show why they are false.
- I. $\ln(x) = -\ln\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)$ for all x : True, provided $x > 0$ since $\frac{1}{x} = x^{-1}$
 - II. $\frac{\log(y)}{\log(z)} = \log(y - z)$: False, division inside is subtraction outside.
 - III. $\ln(x)$ is only defined for $x > 1$: False, $\ln\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = -\ln 2$
8. When a chemical plant blows a gasket and covers the land in industrial solvents, the government begins a rapid cleanup program. During the first year they remove 35% of the pollution, but as people loose interest the cleanup slows down. Each year they cleanup 35% of the pollution left over from the previous year. If 400 metric tons of pollutant were spilled, write a function to model the amount of pollution left after t years. Use this formula to solve for the amount of pollution after 8 years (you may leave your answer in terms of logs).

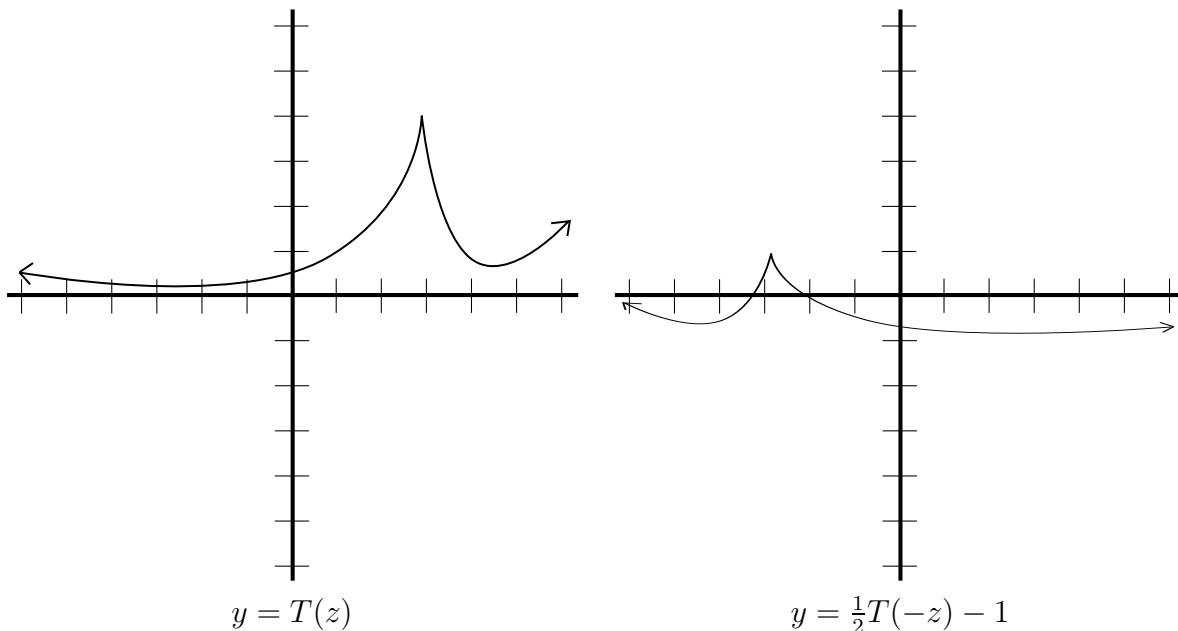
This is just a basic application of the discrete growth formula, where the rate of growth is -35% per year. Here $n = 1$ since the clean up is once per year.

$$A = P(1 + r)^t$$

$$A = 400(1 - 0.35)^8$$

$$A = 400(0.65)^8$$

9. The graph of the function $T(z)$ is given below. Sketch the graph of $\frac{1}{2}T(-z) - 1$. You may wish to note that $T(1) = 1$ and $T(3) = 4$.



10. What is the domain of $h(x) = \ln(2 - x) + e$:
 In order for the log to be defined the inside of the parentheses must be greater than zero, $2 - x > 0$. That is the same as requiring that $x < 2$, so the domain is $(-\infty, 2)$.

11. The problem concerns even and odd functions (it may help to draw a graph).

(a) If we know that $f(x)$ is an even function, do we know what $f(0)$ is? If so find $f(0)$, otherwise explain why we don't have enough information to say:

Impossible to say, consider the constant function $f(x) = c$. c could be any number and the function is still even.

(b) If we know that $f(x)$ is an odd function, do we know what $f(0)$ is? If so find $f(0)$, otherwise explain why we don't have enough information to say.

According to the definition of an odd function, $f(-x) = -f(x)$ for all x . This means that $f(-0) = -f(0)$, so $f(0) = -f(0)$. Clearly the only value that works is $f(0) = 0$ (you can also just solve for $f(0)$ in the equation).

12. Let $g(x)$ be an exponential function which passes through the points $(1, \frac{4}{3})$ and $(3, 3)$. Find the equation for $g(x)$.

The function will be of the form $g(x) = a(b^x)$, first we need to find b .

$$3 = \frac{4}{3}b^{3-1}$$

$$\frac{9}{4} = b^2$$

$$b = \frac{3}{2}$$

Now we find a by plugging in a known point,

$$3 = a \left(\frac{3}{2} \right)^3$$

$$a = \frac{8}{9}$$

The final answer

$$g(x) = \frac{8}{9} \left(\frac{3}{2} \right)^x$$

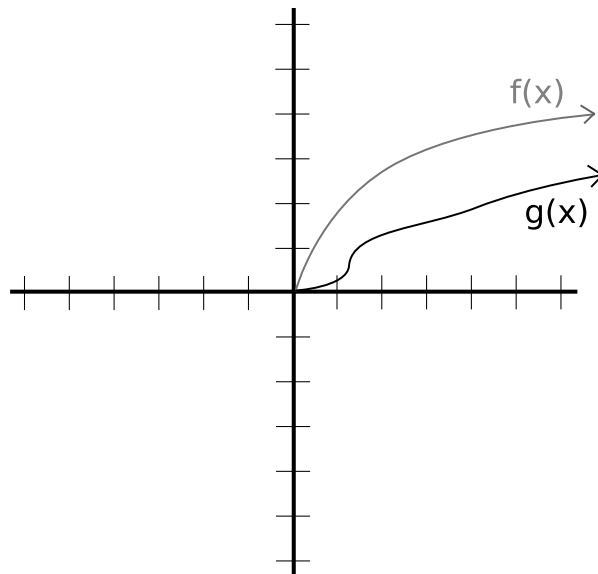
13. Let $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ be the functions defined by the tables of value below. $g(x)$ is a transformation of $f(x)$, determine what that transformation is (example, shifted right 2 and down 4). Use this to write $g(x)$ as a function of $f(x)$.

x	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3
f(x)	0	5	1	2	-2	-1	2

x	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3
g(x)	-4	2	4	-4	-2	-10	0

$$g(x) = -2f(-x)$$

14. Let $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ be the functions shown below, then $f(x) \geq g(x)$ for all x .



Will $f^{-1}(x) \geq g(x)$? Will $g^{-1}(x) \geq f^{-1}(x)$? Is it impossible to say? **Explain your answer.**

To find the inverse graphically, you flip the graph of the function across the line $y = x$ (this switches the x and y coordinates). So if $f(x) \geq g(x)$ when they are flipped across that line $g^{-1}(x) \geq f^{-1}(x)$.